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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Edward A. Hubbard
Serial No.: 09/834,785
Filed: April 13, 2001
Group Art Unit: 2157
Before the Examiner: Yves Dalencourt
Title: SOFTWARE-BASED NETWORK ATTACHED STORAGE
SERVICES HOSTED ON MASSIVELY DISTRIBUTED
PARALLEL COMPUTING NETWORKS

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action having a mailing date of September 03, 2004, having a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on December 03, 2004 and extended one month to January 03, 2005 by the enclosed Petition for Extension of Time, please reconsider the claims in view of the following remarks:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

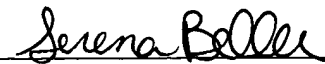
Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 4 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.8

I hereby certify that this correspondence (along with any item referred to as being enclosed herewith) is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on January 3, 2005.



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